has been engineered for cross verification of records and for report generation. Details of 25001781 Job Cards and 1126914 Muster rolls have been placed on the website.

(4) **Regular Review of NREGA**

Progress of implementation of NREGA is reviewed on regular basis. NREGA has been reviewed at the highest level in Prime Minister's review meeting on 20.6.2007. Performance Review Committee meetings are undertaken by the Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. During the year 2007-08, three Regional Review Committee meetings have been held to cover review of all States. These were held at Bhubaneswar (16-17 September), Jaipur (24-25 September) and Guwahati (9-10 October). Review meeting with State Secretaries (Rural Development) of all States was held on 18.12.07 in Delhi. Meeting of the Performance Review Committee was held in Delhi during 16-17 January, 2008.

Progress of NREGA was also reviewed in the interactive session with Members of Parliament held during 20th-23rd August, 2007 and 5th-6th September, 2007. Minister (Rural Development) reviewed implementation of NREGA in Orissa during November, 2007, Uttar Pradesh on 23.1.08 and Maharashtra on 20.2.08. Members of Central Employment Guarantee Council also participated in the review meetings.

Non-availability of Central Forces for the naxal affected States

*102. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre has reportedly told the naxal affected States that they should not ask for more Central Reserve Police Force to handle naxalism in their States;

(b) whether the Centre has also asked States that they should focus on filling up the vacant posts in their police set up;

(c) whether this matter was debated at the two-day meeting of the task force, constituted by the Union Home Ministry on the naxalite problem in the country;

(d) if so, the reactions of the States to these proposals; and

(e) the steps being taken by the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) The Central Government has not told the State Governments that they should not ask for more Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) to deal with the naxalite situation. Presently, 33 battalions of the CPMFs (including 1 battalion of State Armed Police on deputation in Chhattisgarh) have been deployed to assist the police authorities in the States affected by naxal violence. In addition, on the request of the State Governments of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, orders have also been issued for the deployment of additional 4 and 1 battalions of the CPMFs, respectively, in these States. 4 coys. of the CRPF were also deployed temporarily in Orissa in the wake of the recent attacks by naxalites in that States on 15th February.

However, the Ministry of Home Affairs has been bringing to the notice of the State Governments that they need to also take urgent steps at their own level so that their dependency upon CPMFs can, to the extent possible, be reduced. In this context, the Ministry of Home

Affairs has been regularly urging the State Governments to strengthen the State Police by filling up existing vacancies and enhancing their strength to improve the police-population ratio in the States. Assistance is also being provided to them under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces for upgradation and modernisation of the State Police Forces with reference to equipments, weaponry, infrastructure, training, etc. Raising of India Reserve Battalions has also been liberally sanctioned, particularly in the case of States affected by naxalite activities.

Terrorist camps near Hubli

*103. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist camps have been unearthed in the forests near Hubli and the Karnataka Police has arrested three terrorists;

(b) whether Government has identified terrorist organization suppoting this terrorist group; and

(c) the plan of action of Government to control the spread of terrorist organizations throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) According to information provided by the Government of Karnataka, no terrorist camps have been unearthed in the forests near Hubli in Karnataka. Inquiries and investigations made after the arrest of two persons for suspected two-wheeler theft revealed their plans to cause serial blasts and other offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and have led to the arrest of five more persons. The investigations are continuing.

(c) The action taken by the Government to counter terrorism and check the activities of terrorist groups include intensive patrolling and surveillance on the borders including border fencing/floodlighting, and strengthening coastal security arrangements, to check infiltration; deployment of Central Forces to aid the State Police Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence; heightened vigil and security arrangements in and around vital installations; strengthening of arrangements and mechanism for intelligence gathering particularly at the cutting edge level; regular sharing of intelligence with the State Government and among the agencies; assistance for raising of India Reserve Battalions in the States; upgradation and modernization of equipments and weapons, etc. of the Central Para-Military forces; and action at the international level, through bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation in the sphere of counter terrorism.

Special law to curb boot-legging and property grabbing

*104. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government is considering to promulgate a special law to curb the unlawful activities of boot-leggers and property grabbers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): No, Sir. At present, the Union Government does not have any proposal to promulgate a special law relating to boot-legging and property grabbing.